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1. Yugoslav members who withdrew from the Union Bolaya because of dissatisfaction with the lack of enthusiasm of other members for Communist doctrines have organized a new Communist organization called Tribuna Libre, composed of Yugoslav, Austrian, Polish, and Czech nationals. Members have been carefully checked for ardent Communist sympathies. The leaders and organizers of this group are Hubert Jalecic and Luis Gotkowski.
2. Emissaries have been sent to interior towns of Bolivia for the purpose of founding branches of this organization. Branches thus far have been founded in Cochabamba, Santa Cruz, and Oruro. The La Paz group has 25 members, Cochabamba about 12, Santa Cruz and Oruro 5 or 6 each. The smallness of membership is attributable to a desire to have no members but fanatic Communists.
3. Meetings of Tribuna Libre in La Paz are held each Monday night in different places. Subjects discussed have involved means of disseminating Communist propaganda and of aiding Yugoslav and other Communist sympathizers in Chile. The advisability of circulating leaflets of protest in Bolivia and Peru against Chile's government was discussed and voted down because of fear of a crack-down by Bolivian police. Members have been instructed that they may be called upon to provide hiding or financial assistance to Communist refugees from Chile.
4. Bolivian national police are extremely worried over the infiltration of Chilean Communists into Bolivian mining centers. Lack of adequate border controls and police inefficiency make control of this infiltration extremely difficult. However, all Bolivian police departments and provinces have been notified by coded messages to be on the lookout for the arrival of illegal immigrants in their areas.

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